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Application No.: 09/666,725

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0091611 to Minton (hereinafter "Minton").

By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2, and has added new claims 5 and 6.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintains that Minton teaches a bartering system (paragraph 3), including items of real estate (paragraph 4) and including additional information relating to real estate items (paragraph 5).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant has reviewed Minton and finds no teaching of the claimed bartering system and no teaching of real estate as a barter item. As amended, claim 1 of the present application recites at least one class of items as real property and further recites means responsive to the execution of the barter transaction for automatically initiating a transfer of a deed to real property. The bartering system as recited in claim 1 is neither shown in nor suggested by Minton.

Claim 2 has been amended to reflect the amendments to claim 1. New claim 5 depends from claim 1 and recites the posting means of claim 1 as including means for determining and displaying a market value for real property. New claim 6 depends from claim 1 and recites the first and second classes of items as including

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different types of real property. The features recited in claims 5 and 6 are neither shown in nor suggested by Minton. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims clearly distinguish over the art of record. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and remarks made herein place pending claims 1-6 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment as well as reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 1-6 are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner does not believe that the claims are in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 215-568-6400.

Respectfully submitted,

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